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TOWN OFFICERS, 1898.

CLERK.

NEWELL P. HASKELL.

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS, AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

JOHN W. TRUE. JAMES M. THOMPSON.
REUEL W. FOGG.

TREASURER.

SETH F. SWEETSIR.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

ALFRED SALLS. LEWIS E. JORDAN.
ALBERT D. TRUE.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

SETH F. SWEETSIR.

COLLECTOR AND CONSTABLE.

SETH F. SWEETSIR.

ANNUAL REPORTS.

The annual reports of the town officers of New Gloucester for the year ending March 13, 1899, are herewith submitted.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

VALUATION.

Total valuation of real estate for year 1898,	\$446,087 00
Valuation of personal estate for year 1898,	499,405 00
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Total,	\$945,492 00

Number of polls assessed, 284. Poll tax, \$2.50. Rate of taxation, nine and one-half mills on \$1.00 valuation.

ASSESSMENTS.

State tax,	\$2,636 48
County tax,	1,240 00
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	\$3,876 48
Support of schools,	\$1,600 00
Contingent expenses,	1,000 00
Repair of roads and bridges,	2,000 00
Repair of school property,	200 00
To keep cemeteries in repair,	200 00
To increase and support the public library,	353 00
Memorial Day,	50 00
Amount assessed for overlay,	412 81
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Total amount committed to collector,	\$9,692 29

RECEIPTS.

The receipts of the town from March 2, 1898,
to March 1, 1899, as per Treasurer's report,
amount to \$14,587 76

EXPENDITURES.

The amounts paid from the treasurer for the year ending March 1, 1899, have been as follows:

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS FOR 1897.

Paid J. W. True, selectman, assessor, etc.,	\$62 25
J. M. Thompson, selectman, assessor, etc.,	67 00
R. W. Fogg, selectman, assessor, etc.,	48 00
J. I. Sturgis, supervisor of schools,	75 00
S. F. Sweetsir, collector's fees for 1897,	236 89
N. P. Haskell, town clerk,	5 00
W. L. Shurtleff, secretary board of health,	13 50
E. J. Mitchell, services on board of health,	6 00
S. F. Sweetsir, services as constable,	3 00
Howard H. Jordan, services as con- stable,	6 00
C. A. Winslow, truant officer,	12 00
Trustees of New Gloucester school fund,	16 00
	—
	\$550 64

TOWN FARM.

Paid Luther Thurlow, Agent,	\$300 00
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	\$300 00

BILLS OF 1898.

SUPPORT OF POOR OFF THE FARM.

Paid Lafayette Tenney, for board and care of J. A. Verrill to December 31, 1898,	\$108 00
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Paid O. H. Marsh, for the board and care of Parsons Jordan,	\$41 50
Sidney Bragdon, for care of Par- sons Jordan,	1 00
Jabez True, for cash paid out and labor, casket, robe, etc., for Par- sons Jordan,	30 00
Starbird & Bennett, for vaseline for Parsons Jordan,	15
Starbird & Bennett, for supplies fur- nished Andrew J. Strout,	3 00
Town of Gray, for clothing for Andrew J. Strout,	6 50
H. E. Blake & Co., supplies for Andrew J. Strout,	2 00
N. P. Haskell, for supplies furnished Andrew J. Strout,	2 00
N. P. Haskell, for pauper supplies fur- nished Alvin Verrill,	5 00
N. P. Haskell, for pauper supplies fur- nished Joseph Verrill,	1 43
Starbird & Bennett, for pauper supplies furnished Joseph Verrill,	5 00
Dr. J. I. Sturgis, for medical attend- ance on Joseph Verrill,	12 00
C. P. Burgess, for burial of child of Joseph Verrill,	5 00
Dr. J. I. Sturgis, for medical attend- ance on Henry Verrill,	2 00
Dr. J. I. Sturgis, for medical attend- ance on Clarissa Berry,	2 00
Dr. J. I. Sturgis, for medical attend- ance on George F. Berry,	3 00
Town of Mechanic Falls, for supplies and medical attendance for George F. Berry,	64 00
	—
	\$293 58

POOR BELONGING TO OTHER TOWNS.

Paid N. P. Haskell, for supplies furnished	
Humphrey S. Edwards,	\$12 00
Starbird & Bennett, for supplies furnished Humphrey S. Edwards,	6 00
Dr. J. I. Sturgis, for medical attendance on H. S. Edwards,	6 00
Dr. J. I. Sturgis, for medical attendance on James May and family,	65 00
Walter Brackett, for supplies furnished	
James May,	22 00
Emery Osgood, casket and robe for body of James May,	18 00
P. C. Burgess, for getting casket and burying body of James May,	5 00
Dr. J. I. Sturgis, for medical attendance on widow of James May,	5 00
Dr. J. I. Sturgis, for medical attendance on family of Silas May, Jr.,	28 00
Dr. J. I. Sturgis, for medical attendance on Melville May,	5 00
Dr. J. I. Sturgis, for medical attendance on Charles May and family,	38 00
Walter Brackett, for clothing furnished children of Charles May,	4 78
Dr. J. I. Sturgis, for medical attendance on Silas May,	6 00
Dr. J. I. Sturgis, for medical attendance on family of Orville May,	29 00
N. P. Haskell, for supplies furnished	
Joseph N. Strout,	22 63
Dr. J. I. Sturgis, for medical attendance on family of Joseph N. Strout,	13 75
Dr. J. I. Sturgis, for medical attendance on child of Bertha Johnson,	2 50

Paid Dr. J. I. Sturgis, for medical attendance on family of Melville Hodgkins,	\$6 85
H. E. Blake & Co., for supplies furnished Timothy Berry,	13 00
James M. Thompson, for care of tramp,	40
	—
	\$308 91

INMATES OF INSANE HOSPITAL.

Paid for board and clothes for Thomas J. Brackett,	\$141 47
For board and clothes for Edwin G. Titcomb,	168 13
For board and clothes for Mrs. David C. McIntyre,	141 31
	—
	\$450 91

STATE REFORM SCHOOL.

Paid for board and clothes for Edward Verrill,	\$15 43
	—
	\$15 43

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL FOR GIRLS.

Paid for partial support of Annie R. Merrill,	\$26 00
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	\$26 00

STATE AID.

Paid H. H. Sawyer,	\$24 00
T. J. Andrews,	24 00
J. P. Johnson,	48 00
Timothy Berry,	60 00
Benjamin Davis,	24 00
Washington Cash,	48 00
	—
	\$228 00

CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

Paid M. W. Bennett, for opening hall for G. A. R. Post,	\$2 00
M. W. Bennett, for supplies fur- nished town house,	10 60
M. W. Bennett, for care of town house to March 1, 1899,	37 45
M. W. Bennett, for care of the Public Library building to March 1, 1899,	40 00
M. W. Bennett, for care of town clock to March 1, 1899,	8 65
G. Fred Murch, for recording tax deeds,	2 40
J. W. True, for cash advanced to pay for postage stamps,	.2 00
Charles N. Fogg, for recording mort- gages, rent of vault box, etc.,	5 00
Dr. J. I. Sturgis, for free vaccination for 1897,	3 00
H. E. Blake & Co., for iron bolts, etc., for cart,	8 20
James A. Segars, for lumber and labor on cart,	26 95
Loring, Short & Harmon, for record book for Town Clerk,	4 00
James A. Tufts, for three cords of wood for town house,	10 50
Robert Tripp, for labor on Library Building in 1897,	2 50
A. D. Bryant, for damages alleged to have been caused by a defect in the highway,	15 00
Loring, Short & Harmon, for books and stationery,	12 38

Paid N. P. Haskell, for recording births, deaths and marriages to Decem- ber 17, 1898,	\$20 85
H. R. Millett, for premium on insur- ance policy for town farm build- ings,	67 50
Frank Edwards, for damage to sheep killed by dogs,	10 00
Scott Merrill, for four cords of wood for town house and library,	20 00
Lewiston Journal, for printing town reports,	39 00
Dr. J. I. Sturgis, for making certificates of deaths and births for the year 1898,	7 50
Elbridge True, for attending seventeen funerals with hearse,	51 00
S. F. Sweetsir, for contingent expenses as superintendent of schools,	9 60
N. P. Haskell, for recording marriages, births and deaths to March 1, 1899,	3 00
John W. True, for contingent expenses for the year 1898,	3 35
J. M. Thompson, contingent expenses,	35
S. H. Chandler, for interest on money loaned the town,	37 50
S. H. Chandler, for money loaned town,	1,000 00
	———— \$1,460 28

ABATEMENTS ON ASSESSMENTS.

1896.

Andrew F. Ayer, member of Togus Home, poll tax,	\$2 50
Benjamin C. Brailey, poll tax, resi- dence unknown,	2 50

Marshall Cobb, poll tax, poor,	\$2 50
Henry Cummings, poll tax, over seventy, over-valuation on personal estate,	2 73
Edgar N. Cummings, poll tax and personal, residence unknown,	3 23
Frank Carpenter, poll tax, residence unknown,	2 50
Frederick Edwards, poll tax, and personal, not liable,	2 78
Franklin C. Edwards, poll tax, not liable,	2 50
Richard Edwards, poll tax, poor,	2 50
John E. Estes, poll tax, residence unknown,	2 50
Clarence Estes, poll tax, residence unknown,	2 50
Samuel M. Farnham, Jr., poll tax, not liable,	2 50
Moses Freeman, poll tax, poor,	2 50
Roy S. Johnson, poll tax and personal, resi- dence unknown,	4 19
Fred M. Spiller, poll tax, not liable,	2 50
Hugh Stewart, poll tax, residence unknown,	2 50
Joseph Verrill, poll tax and over-valuation on real estate, disability and poverty,	4 41
Elizabeth M. Woodbury, personal estate, not liable,	10 97
Julia C. Woodbury, personal estate, not liable,	7 59
John W. Wilson, real estate and personal, disability,	1 35
	—
	\$67 25

1897.

Charles S. Chase, over-valuation on real and personal estate,	2 04
Alonzo Stevens, over-valuation on real estate,	1 20
	—
	\$3 24

MEMORIAL DAY.

Paid Memorial Day expenses,	\$50 00
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CEMETERIES.

Paid H. E. Blake & Co., for lead, oil, etc.,	
in 1897,	\$28 31
P. C. Burgess, labor in cemetery, 1897,	4 00
N. P. Haskell, supplies for cemeteries,	2 23
F. B. Johnson, labor in cemetery over	
the hill,	4 50
A. W. Pierce, labor in cemetery,	3 87
H. E. Blake & Co., lead, oil, etc., for	
cemeteries,	15 20
H. W. Johnson, labor and material in	
cemetery,	8 75
C. A. Winslow, labor in cemetery, clean-	
ing gravestones, righting monu-	
ments, etc.,	82 25
P. C. Burgess, labor in cemetery, 1898,	6 00
W. S. Snow, labor in cemetery, 1898,	12 00
James Stevens, labor in cemetery,	
1898,	31 80
	—
	\$198 91

TOWN LIBRARY.

Paid N. P. Haskell, express on books for	
library,	\$2 27
Nelson Valentine, labor in library,	2 00
Stephen Berry, printing labels,	2 35
J. D. Gilbert, binding books,	21 00
Dodd, Mead & Co., for books,	35 25
Lakeside Press, binding books,	14 45
Loring, Short & Harmon, for	
books,	201 65
Helen A. Moseley, salary to September	
5, 1898,	40 00
Loring, Short & Harmon, for maga-	
zines,	19 00
Helen A. Moseley, to March 13, 1899,	
balance of salary and incidentals,	40 85
	—
	\$378 82

TO KEEP SCHOOL PROPERTY IN REPAIR.

Paid E. N. Gilbert, repairing school-house,

Dist. No. 2,	\$1 00
H. E. Blake, supplies for repairs,	9 35
Enoch F. Wells, labor on school-house,	2 50
W. F. Hulit, labor on school-house,	4 30
Ginn & Co.,	22 10
Silver, Burdette & Co.,	9 00
George F. King & Co.,	3 75
	—
	\$52 00

STATE TAX.

Paid State Treasurer, balance due on tax

of 1897,	\$2,580 93
State Treasurer on 1898 tax,	328 33
State Treasurer, on account of dog	
licenses,	103 00

— \$3,012 26

COUNTY TAX.

Paid D. D. Chenery, county treasurer for

1898,	\$1,240 00
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SCHOOLS.

Paid for support of schools as per bills
 approved by superintendent of
 schools, 1897,

\$492 03

For support of schools as per bills
 approved by superintendent of
 schools for year 1898,

2,211 76

— \$2,703 79

ROADS OF 1895.

Paid Charles H. N. Rowe, labor on tools,

\$1 00

— \$1 00

ROADS OF 1896.

Paid F. W. Winter, plank,

\$2 59

Herman M. McIntyre, labor,

3 60

C. N. Rowe, labor,

85

David H. Allen, labor,

4 65

Paid James K. Gould, for gravel,	\$3 50
George H. Wilson, labor,	6 65
F. W. Titcomb,	1 05
W. F. Cobb,	2 00
Ransom G. Verrill,	74
Howard M. Dunn,	1 40
Howard S. Bennett,	75
Joseph Welch,	1 05
Fred S. Martin,	1 75
William E. Blake,	1 50
William H. Snow,	2 25
F. W. Berry,	6 10
J. A. Segars,	75
	—
	\$41 18

ROADS OF 1897.

Paid Ezra Nason, labor,	\$3 14
Samuel Hicks, labor,	10 26
E. F. Cobb, labor,	1 57
A. H. Merrill,	31 50
J. E. Bennett,	3 60
T. M. Merrill,	5 50
Horatio J. Farnum,	2 85
Geo. B. Nelson,	7 25
Charles G. Ward,	25 00
Frank W. Lombard,	4 50
Thurlow & Verrill,	17 40
Archie G. Rowe,	8 47
H. M. McIntyre,	3 79
F. H. Morse,	2 70
Alphonso Tripp,	1 65
P. H. Hubbard,	21 25
F. M. Thayer, labor,	90
Frank H. Nevens,	2 10
Charles S. Chase,	75
E. N. Gilbert,	5 53
E. M. Morgan,	12 15
F. W. Winter,	23 25

Paid Bela Carpenter,	\$0 75
Fred S. Martin,	7 70
Joseph N. Strout,	2 00
L. C. Curtis,	3 57
Frank Merrill,	9 00
J. W. Sawyer,	35 05
E. L. Sawyer,	3 08
V. L. Brackett,	3 00
Thomas Verrill,	3 61
Nathaniel Sawyer,	3 08
P. A. Blake,	1 75
Ira S. Davis,	2 40
J. W. Humphrey,	17 20
L. W. Hunnewell,	5 70
Lyman Winslow,	6 75
E. P. Blake,	108 47
R. P. Rowe,	1 50
F. M. Hawkes,	11 00
H. C. Furbush,	25 50
W. H. H. Snow,	2 25
J. W. Rideout,	2 70
A. S. Carsley,	2 86
Percy A. Blake,	7 62
John H. Ward,	68
George E. Thorn,	1 50
C. H. N. Rowe,	1 05
David H. Allen,	5 60
Jeremiah May,	2 55
W. F. Hulit,	1 50
L. L. Johnson,	5 32
C. H. Nelson,	5 40
E. J. Mitchell,	15 91
Walter Brackett,	41 85
Silas Edwards,	1 50
John Robbins,	75
H. W. Jordan,	40 20
John Wilson,	1 05

Paid George Record,	\$3 50
F. D. Larrabee,	3 00
A. F. Cole,	1 87
H. V. Blake,	23 62
Frank W. York,	6 70
James K. Gould,	2 55
George H. Wilson,	16 10
William Sawyer,	2 55
George Spiller,	1 20
Smith L. Sawyer,	3 75
United Society of Shakers,	52 50
F. W. Titcomb,	3 75
Nathaniel Rideout,	12 32
George F. Carsley,	3 68
George S. Wilson,	11 10
S. M. Farnham,	2 00
W. S. Snow,	6 97
Eben Snow,	6 83
Willis Merrill,	75
William F. Ayer,	7 20
Albert Morrill,	6 90
Jeremiah Edwards,	17 20
Harrison Edwards,	10 77
Melville Hodgkins,	3 75
John S. Snow,	14 57
Lewis E. Jordan,	9 68
Timothy Berry,	3 54
J. O. Small,	34 20
Howard S. Bennett,	4 65
Lane Bros.,	2 57
Alvin Brown,	91
John L. Megquier,	20 63
F. H. Morse,	23 85
C. R. Dolloff,	7 43
E. J. Searles,	1 20
E. F. Wells,	3 90
Herman Emery,	1 20

Paid Bloomville Strout,	\$2 70
John Strout,	2 25
J. A. Tufts,	19 35
J. F. McCann,	10 83
Arthur L. Harmon,	5 10
George W. Hatch,	1 65
John A. Witham,	9 70
F. H. Chandler,	22 73
E. S. Swan,	45
F. M. Tufts,	13 70
Clark Merrill,	75
William E. Blake,	7 20
Jabez True,	2 55
H. M. Dunn,	5 25
D. P. Smith,	3 30
J. W. True, for hay,	25 45
S. A. Farnum,	1 65
J. H. Briggs,	3 37
J. P. Woodbury,	4 72
M. C. Clark,	4 82
C. F. Plummer,	4 50
W. H. Snow, labor and repairs on machine,	5 10
C. A. Winslow,	4 50
A. P. Burrill,	2 85
H. E. Blake, supplies,	52 88
John Hatch,	1 50
George H. Clark,	1 80
Carl and Frank Haynes,	1 50
J. C. Hammond,	2 70
J. Melvin Davis,	2 40
J. B. Hammond,	67 80
Joseph Welch,	2 40
	———— \$1,222 85
Road bills of 1898 as approved by the Road Commissioner,	\$1,948 84

RECEIPTS AS PER TREASURER'S REPORT.

Total amount of receipts for the year 1898,	\$14,587 76
Total amount of expenditures for	
1898,	\$14,553 89
<i>Balance in hand of Treasurer,</i>	<u>33 87</u> \$14,587 76

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN.

RESOURCES.

Balance in hand of Treasurer,	\$33 87
Amount due from P. A. Coller, collector	
for year 1894,	7 57
Amount due from P. A. Coller, collector	
for year 1895,	74 19
Amount due from S. F. Sweetsir, collector	
for year 1896,	54 05
Amount due from S. F. Sweetsir, collector	
for year 1897,	401 48
Amount due from S. F. Sweetsir, collector	
for year 1898,	3,197 57
State school fund and mill tax due January	
1, 1899,	815 58
Due from State on account of dog licenses	
(estimated),	100 00
Due from New Gloucester school fund,	
April 23, 1899,	267 09
Due from George E. Whitman Post, for use	
of hall for the year 1898,	4 00
Due from the town of Gray on account	
of paupers,	10 85
Due from the town of Poland on account	
of paupers,	21 00
Due from the town of Casco on account	
of paupers,	24 00
Due from the town of Raymond on	
account of paupers,	225 78

Due from the city of Auburn on account of paupers,	\$38 88
Due from the town of Lisbon on account of paupers,	3 00
Due from Mrs. Ida True for use of the town hall,	9 00
Due from New Gloucester Grange for use of town hall,	5 25
	— \$5,293 16

LIABILITIES.

Amount due the schools March 1, 1899,	\$433 75
Collector's fees for the year 1898,	193 84
Town officers' bills (estimated),	350 00
Outstanding bills (estimated),	220 00
Amount due on State tax, 1898,	2,308 15
Outstanding orders,	9 80
<i>Balance in favor of town,</i>	1,777 62
	— \$5,293 16

SCHOOLS.

Amount paid for support of schools as approved by superintendent,	DR.
	\$2,703 79
Unexpended balance,	433 75
	— \$3,137 54
	CR.
Unexpended balance March 1, 1898,	\$517 73
Town appropriation, 1898,	1,600 00
State school fund and mill tax due January 1, 1898,	811 90
New Gloucester school fund due April 23, 1898,	201 41
Received from town of Poland for tuition of scholar,	6 50
	— \$3,137 54

TOWN FARM ACCOUNT.

LUTHER THURLOW, AGENT.

	DR.
To Agent's salary and use of horse,	\$300 00
Supplies furnished,	478 61
Labor employed,	7 50
<i>Balance in favor of the farm,</i>	<u>10 88</u>
	\$796 99
	CR.
By product from the cows, cream,	\$421 15
Estimated cream, to February 20, 1899,	20 95
Value of calves sold,	52 25
Value of pork sold,	39 50
Labor on roads,	23 40
Other sales from farm,	114 74
Value of 10 tons ice more than last year,	10 00
Value of stock more than last year,	64 00
Value of 50 baskets corn more than last year,	15 00
Value of oats more than last year,	6 00
Value of provisions more than last year,	10 00
Value of 5 tons straw and 1½ tons corn fodder more than last year,	<u>20 00</u>
	\$796 99

AMOUNT OF STOCK AND SUPPLIES ON THE FARM.

One horse, 12 cows, 2 two-year-olds, 2 one-year-olds, 2 hogs, 18 hens, 50 baskets corn, 18 bushels oats, 10 bushels ground feed, 22 bushels beans, 6 pounds butter, 300 pounds pork, 50 bushels potatoes, 1 barrel of beets, 20 gallons cider, 12 jars of preserves, 19 pounds dried apple, 35 tons hay, 5 tons straw, 1½ tons corn fodder, 1 barrel of soft soap.

The agent has lodged and fed 111 tramps during the year. There are now three inmates on the farm, Fred Plummer, Jabez Carpenter and Sawyer Harris.

The poor on the farm have evidently been well cared for, and that should, in our opinion, be the first requirement of

an agent on a town farm. The stock, crops and supplies now on the farm will show that it has been well carried on.

The pile of fine, ripe, yellow corn shows what can be raised there to advantage. We would suggest that a few apple trees of suitable varieties for family use should be started on the farm, as a supply of apples would contribute not a little to the comfort of the unfortunate poor that find a home there.

The house is large, and its many unpainted floors and woodwork show plainly that Mrs. Thurlow has had no easy task to keep everything in order, as she surely has.

We have re-employed Mr. Thurlow and wife to take charge of the farm for the ensuing year at a salary of \$300.

GENERAL REMARKS.

The amount of money voted to be raised by assessment for 1898, was less than had been raised for a number of years, causing the rate per cent. to be less than that of almost any other town in the State, but your officers having the charge of expending this money have been very careful about exceeding the appropriations, therefore your financial condition is very nearly the same as one year ago.

The appropriation for the roads for 1897 was \$2,500, and the amount expended was \$2,949.53, leaving a balance of about five hundred dollars that has been paid out of the contingent fund the past year without any additional assessment for it.

Your Selectmen apparently have succeeded in convincing the town of Winslow that this town is not the place of the lawful settlement of Mrs. H. O. Spaulding, and the probability is that we shall hear nothing more from them. Edward Verrill has been discharged from the State Reform School and is now self-supporting.

Annie R. Merrill is still at the Industrial School for Girls, but the town of Lisbon pays the bills.

Thomas J. Brackett and Edwin G. Titcomb are still at the Insane Hospital. About a year ago notice was received from the Town of Rumford that the wife of David C. McIntyre had

been taken violently insane and had been removed to the Insane Hospital at our expense, and she has remained there since that time, and this town has paid the bills.

Notice was received from the town of Sumner that the family of George W. Berry had fallen into distress, and upon inquiry we found that diphtheria had broken out in the family and went through it, causing quite an expense in the shape of a doctor's bill. Then there was a broken bone to be set and looked after, and still another accident received by Mr. Berry in the woods, causing another surgical operation, and so it has been the year through, causing a doctor's bill of nearly one hundred dollars, which is still unpaid. We are hoping a discount can be secured, hence the non-payment of the bill.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. TRUE,
REUEL W. FOGG,

Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of Poor.

Second Selectman resigned in January, 1899.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

1898.	Received from:	DR.
Mar. 14.	Seth F. Sweetsir, treasurer, 1897,	\$193 04
	Town of Poland,	6 50
	Town of Lisbon,	10 00
	City of Auburn,	2 35
Mar. 19.	Town of Casco,	9 00
Mar. 31.	City of Portland,	6 00
Apr. 9.	State treasurer, on account of state pen- sions paid out, 1897,	276 00
Apr. 15.	State Treasurer, on account of dog licenses refunded,	100 33
May 16.	Town of Gray, for medical attend- ance of Dr. J. I. Sturgis (paupers),	79 00
	C. N. Fogg, treasurer of New Glouces- ter school fund,	130 00
June 1.	S. H. Chandler, money loaned the town,	1,000 00
June 3.	State treasurer, school fund and mill tax, 1897,	811 90
June 8.	S. F. Sweetsir, for horse,	60 00
June 22.	George E. Whitman Post, G. A. R., for use of Town Hall,	3 50
	S. F. Sweetsir, collector, 1897,	2,100 00
	S. F. Sweetsir, collector, 1898,	900 00
Aug. 3.	F. L. Hilton, for license to peddle,	6 00
Aug. 9.	Mr. Cox, for lot in Cemetery, Upper Gloucester,	10 00
	Town of Raymond, pauper expenses,	156 13
Aug. 27.	Statute penalty from Charles Wilson by hand of A. W. Larrabee,	5 00

Oct. 31.	Estate of J. L. True, for lot in cemetery, Upper Gloucester,	\$10 00
Nov. 25.	Mrs. Anson Titus, for lot in cemetery, Upper Gloucester,	10 00
Nov. 28.	S. F. Sweetsir, collector, 1898,	1,538 74
	S. F. Sweetsir, collector, 1897,	1,150 00
	Helen A. Moseley, for fines collected,	2 00
Dec. 26.	Town of Lisbon, on account of Annie R. Merrill,	23 00
Dec. 29.	State treasurer, for damage to sheep by dogs,	10 00
1899.		
Jan. 2.	Received of Charles Edwards, for lot in cemetery, Upper Gloucester,	10 00
Jan. 11.	State treasurer, on account of railroad and telegraph tax, 1898,	706 51
Feb. 1.	State treasurer, state aid for Public Library,	37 80
Feb. 25.	C. N. Fogg, treasurer school fund,	71 41
	S. F. Sweetsir, collector, 1898,	2,458 79
	S. F. Sweetsir, collector, 1897,	380 49
	State treasurer, on account of state pensions paid out, 1898,	228 00
	New Gloucester and Danville Agricultural Society, by hand of Ernest Johnson,	2 00
Feb. 27.	Received of town clerk, for dog licenses (balance),	9 00
	From Luther Thurlow, for sales from the town farm,	164 93
Feb. 28.	S. F. Sweetsir, collector, 1896,	152 70
	John W. True, guardian for Thomas J. Brackett,	130 00
	Seth F. Sweetsir, collector, 1898,	1,097 19
	M. W. Bennett, for use of Town Hall, 1898,	23 00

Feb. 28. Helen A. Moseley, for fines collected and catalogues sold,	\$7 45
Seth F. Sweetsir, collector, 1898,	500 00
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	\$14,587 76
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By town orders taken up,	\$14,553 89
Cash in treasury March 1, 1899,	33 87
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	\$14,587 76

SETH F. SWEETSIR, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF ROAD COMMISSIONER.

RESOURCES.

Amount voted by the town for earth roads and bridges,	\$2,000 00
Received from S. F. Sweetsir for one horse,	60 00
Premium on town team at New Gloucester and Danville fair,	2 00
For work done by town team:	
Scott Snow,	1 00
J. M. Thompson,	14 00
Frank Merrill,	4 00
Scott Merrill,	3 00
C. N. Fogg,	11 00
M. R. Berry,	11 00
C. Merrill,	8 00
	— \$2,114 00

SUMMER ROADS, 1898.

Paid F. W. Berry, for one horse,	\$120 00
F. W. Berry, for hay,	83 99
H. W. Johnson, for labor,	219 16
H. Emery, for labor,	199 06
E. K. Johnson, for labor,	292 00
William O. Ryder, for labor,	16 50
H. E. Blake & Co., for supplies,	42 24
Albert Morrill, for labor,	30 75
C. Merrill, for labor,	94 87
E. Haskell, for labor,	74 25
F. C. Marston, services as road commissioner,	320 50
F. W. Titcomb, labor,	13 13
N. P. Haskell, for supplies,	36 88
J. P. Jordan,	3 00

Paid George Dutton,	\$31 05
C. B. Staples, horse shoeing and repairing,	34 85
J. H. Smith,	7 00
L. Hunnewell,	9 75
F. W. Berry, use of cart,	9 00
J. S. True, for grain,	115 94
Starbird & Bennett, for supplies,	27 55
F. Merrill,	35 63
Luther Thurlow, board of horse,	6 00
W. A. Reed, for gravel,	50
E. True, for hay,	10 00
C. H. N. Rowe, repairing tools,	2 00
C. H. Mitchell, repairs on road machine,	21 70
J. C. Hammond, for gravel,	20 00
A. G. Merrill & Son, for lumber,	22 26
A. Brown, repairing tools,	88
Ira Davis, for labor,	60
E. S. Swan,	1 88
T. J. Greeley,	13 50
G. R. Hunnewell, for dynamite,	2 73
Chandler Bros., for lumber,	71 51
W. Jordan & Co., for lumber,	25 24
C. M. Morgan, for split stone,	5 00
M. R. Berry, for hay,	52 00
Frank Cummings, for labor,	1 75
William Dumont,	2 00
J. W. Rideout, for hay,	8 60
J. W. Rideout, repairing road machine,	7 15
William Ayer, for labor,	30
C. N. Fogg, for hay,	11 37
F. C. Marston, cash advanced to pay for hay, freight on road machine repairs,	5 00
H. E. Blake & Co., for supplies,	70
	—————
	\$2,109 77

SNOW BILLS, 1898-99.

Paid J. F. McCann,	\$2 00
Thomas Verrill,	75
C. H. Nelson,	1 43
E. N. Gilbert,	3 06
F. C. Marston,	6 00
F. H. Nevens,	2 10
C. Chase,	75
G. H. Clark,	1 50
G. W. Plummer,	1 20
A. P. Burrill,	4 65
Forest R. Winslow,	1 50
Luther Thurlow,	23 40
William Ayer,	2 55
E. Haskell, use of sleds,	3 00
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	\$53 89

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To town team breaking roads,	\$11 10
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TOWN TEAM ACCOUNT.

Cost of keeping town team from March 15, 1898, to March 1, 1899:

Paid for hay,	\$169 96
For grain,	172 56
Four feed bags,	2 40
Lead straps and pair hames,	5 25
Horse shoeing,	29 90
Harness oil, soap, brushes, etc.,	4 00
Luther Thurlow, board of horse,	6 00
F. W. Berry, use of cart,	9 00
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	\$399 07

Town team worked 158 days, on earth roads.

FRANK C. MARSTON,

Road Commissioner.

REPORT OF LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

Appropriation by town,	\$353 00
Appropriation by state,	37 80
Fines collected and catalogues sold,	9 45
Unexpended balance in treasury, March 14, 1898,	41 20
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Total,	\$441 45

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Helen A. Moseley, librarian,	\$80 00
Rebinding books,	35 45
Labels,	2 35
Express and freight,	2 27
Bulletin-board,	2 00
Incidentals,	85
New books,	255 90
Books ordered but not received (bill estimated),	62 63
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Total,	\$441 45

There are in all about 3,000 volumes in the library, about 200 volumes having been added the past year. Among the number are many valuable standard works, including 15 volumes of International Encyclopedia up to date, 2 volumes of Life of Alfred Lord Tennyson, etc.

Through the courtesy of Representative True M. Merrill there is in the library State Reports of Bank, Insurance and Railroad Commissioner, Statistics of Industry and Labor, Year Book of Department of Agriculture, Reports of State Prison, Insane Hospital, Sea and Shore Fisheries, State Treasurer's report, State Superintendent of Schools' report, and Journal of the present House of Representatives, all valuable works for reference. The value of the library as a

source of information and pleasure is appreciated, judging from the number of volumes taken from the library each week, which averages 150.

We would earnestly request those who are not at present patrons to visit the library and see the fund of wealth they are helping to establish.

Respectfully submitted,

N. P. HASKELL,

L. C. CURTIS,

MRS. SAMUEL HICKS,

Library Committee.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF NEW GLOUCESTER SCHOOL FUND.

From April 23, 1898, to April 23, 1899.

Amount secured by mortgage on real estate,	\$2,378 00
Amount of bank stock,	1,837 50
Amount in note and savings bank,	238 30
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	\$4,453 80
Amount due the town April 23, 1898,	233 41
Amount paid town treasurer,	201 41
Amount uncollected,	32 00
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	\$233 41
Amount due the town April 23, 1899,	235 09

C. N. FOGG, *Treasurer.*

New Gloucester, February 27, 1899.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEE OF THE EZRA TOBIE FUND.

Amount received from the fund,	\$30 00
Paid to the poor on the town farm,	\$3 00
Paid to the poor not on the town farm,	27 00
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	\$30 00

I herewith tender my resignation as trustee of the Ezra Tobie Fund.

S. H. CHANDLER, *Trustee.*

BIRTHS IN TOWN OF NEW GLOUCESTER

From March 1, 1898, to March 1, 1899.

Date of Birth.	Name of Child.	Name of Father and Maiden
		Name of Mother.
March 18.	Fannie Crocket Haskell.	Eugene M. Haskell. Annie M. Tracey.
March 23.	Gladys Eva Davis.	Ira Scott Davis. Eva May Smith.
April 4.	Hiram May.	Charles May. Ada Strout.
April 8.	Frank Howard Emery.	Charles H. Emery. Maud M. Searls.
April 21.	John Melvin Weymouth.	Berthron D. Weymouth. Dora E. Plummer.
May 5.	Doris Althea McIntire.	Hermon McIntire. Arvilla Megguier.
May 29.	Florence Beatrice Reed.	W. A. Reed. May Jameson.
June 9.	Herbert Martin Waterman.	George W. Waterman. Alma F. Rose.
July 12.	Gladys Morrison Segars.	Vesta Segars.
July 16.	Ruth Rideout.	John W. Rideout. M. Lizzie Marston.
July 17.	Guy Franklin Merrill.	Willis Merrill. Maude M. Plummer.
July 27.	Leon C. Thurlow.	Frank L. Thurlow. Allura P. Verrill.
July 31.	Harlowe Humphrey.	John W. Humphrey. Lottie M. Sawyer.
August 19.	Winfield Stoddard Snow.	W. Scott Snow. Alice M. Stoddard.
September 9.	Laura Moore Boynton.	Francis J. Boynton. Ellen E. Moore.
September 11.	Thomas Royden Young.	George S. Young. Edith A. Walton.
September 17.	Marney Octavia Small.	Joseph O. Small. Ida O. Bennett.
October 3.	Bessie May Rice.	Ernest W. Rice. Lena Staples.
October 5.	Della Beatrice Hackett.	Edward C. Hackett. Cora C. Nye.
October 20.	Lena Maud Strout.	Edward H. Strout. Maud R. Johnson.

October 26.	Eva Viola Thomas.	Samuel M. Thomas. Eliza A. Merrill.
December 14.	Charles Prescott Copp.	Frank A. Copp. Lizzie N. Merrill.
January 13 (1899).	Levi Parsons Cushman.	J. H. Cushman. Eva F. Moore.
January 28.	Mildred A. Sparrow.	George E. Sparrow. Mabel L. Bailey.

Respectfully submitted,

N. P. HASKELL, *Town Clerk.*

NECROLOGY.

Date of Death.	Name and Surname of Deceased.	Years.	Months.	Days.
1898—April 22.	Samuel Kendrick.	86	6	1
May 9.	Nathaniel Rideout.	71	6	25
June 11.	John V. Huston.	37	1	9
June 24.	Freeman H. Morse.	53	11	13
August 14.	Jacob L. True.	50	1	0
August 17.	Thomas T. Coombs.	70	11	7
September 23.	Emily Ryder.	77	9	1
October 4.	Silas H. Churchill.	79	8	21
October 15.	James May.	33	8	10
November 3.	Josephine Gilbert.	49	9	21
November 20.	Mary E. Cole.	68	5	8
November 28.	Irving Brackett.	27	3	27
November 29.	Ellen J. Gould.	—	—	—
November 30.	Francis L. Richards.	83	5	24
1899—January 3.	Zadoc A. Rowe.	74	9	29
January 3.	Augustus H. Merrill.	52	3	2
January 5.	Mary Fickett.	68	1	2
January 5.	George B. Penney.	62	0	8
January 8.	Anna A. Johnson.	65	0	0

Respectfully submitted,

N. P. HASKELL, *Town Clerk.*

RECORD OF MARRIAGES

In Town of New Gloucester from March 1, 1896, to March 1, 1899.

Date of Marriage. 1896.	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Birthplace.	By whom Married.
March 24.	New Gloucester, Me.	Ransom G. Verrill and Effie Hellen.	Gray, Me. Aspy Bay, N. S.	Rev. C. Purinton, Poland, Me.
March 27.	New Gloucester, Me.	Frank Harrison Dudley and Mabel Eliza Griffin.	Brunswick, Me. New Gloucester, Me.	Rev. J. R. Clifford, Woodfords, Me.
May 30.	Cumberland, Me.	Hermou Melbourne McIntire and Arville Magguire	Auburn, Me. New Gloucester, Me.	Rev. Frank Davis, Cumberland, Me.
June 17.	Portland, Me.	James Mariner Thompson and Abigail Velma Webber.	Auburn, Me. Chelsea, Mass.	Rev. Geo. D. Lindsay, Portland, Me.
June 25.	New Gloucester, Me.	Jabez H. Cushman and Eva F. Morse.	Pownal, Me. No. Yarmouth, Me.	Charles L. Dow, Pownal, Me.
June 27.	Auburn, Me.	James Ingalls Holt and Nellie May Lambert.	New Gloucester, Me. South Danville, Me.	Rev. Everett S. Stackpole, Auburn, Me.
July 31.	Gray, Me.	Oscar C. Stinchfield and Clara Hall Doughty.	New Gloucester, Me. Gray, Me.	Rev. Edgar M. Cousins, Gray, Me.
August 3.	Poland, Me.	Clarence L. McCann and Eliza Butler.	New Gloucester, Me. Bancroft, Iowa.	Rev. H. E. Dunnack, Poland, Me.
August 3.	New Gloucester, Me.	Carl A. Wilson and Alma Lunn.	Deering, Me. Houlton, Me.	Rev. Herbert G. Mank, New Gloucester, Me.
August 19.	Bath, Me.	Frank S. Fountain and Annie Viola Tufts.	Bristol, Me. New Gloucester, Me.	Rev. D. E. Miller, Bath, Me.
August 26.	New Gloucester, Me.	Ira Scott Davis and Eva May Smith.	Carey, Me. New Gloucester, Me.	Rev. Herbert G. Mank, New Gloucester, Me.
Oct. 16.	New Gloucester, Me.	Benjamin Segars and Eliza F. Brown.	Richmond, Me. New Gloucester, Me.	Rev. Herbert G. Mank, New Gloucester, Me.
Nov. 15.	New Gloucester, Me.	Charles Gilman Ward and Sadie C. Monk.	New Gloucester, Me. Antigonish, N. S.	Rev. Herbert G. Mank, New Gloucester, Me.
Nov. 22.	Locke's Mills, Me.	Larrabee Harmon and Frances Lula Foster.	Gorham, Me. Gray, Me.	Rev. J. N. Rounds, Locke's Mills, Me.
Dec. 13.	New Gloucester, Me.	John R. Verrill and Florence Maud Tripp.	Poland, Me. Poland, Me.	True M. Merrill, New Gloucester, Me.
Dec. 24.	Poland, Me.	James Albert Jordan and Lydia Ridgaway Pendexter.	Cape Elizabeth, Me. Lewiston, Me.	Rev. H. E. Dunnack, Poland, Me.

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Dec. 25.	New Gloucester, Me.	Eugene Morris Haskell and Annie May Tracey.	New Gloucester, Me.	Rev. H. G. Mank,
Dec. 31.	Auburn, Me.	Percival Augustus Blake and Mary Etta Jordan.	Mercer, Me.	New Gloucester, Me.
1897.			New Gloucester, Me.	Rev. C. F. Penney,
Jan. 1.	New Gloucester, Me.	John W. Humphrey and Lottie M. Sawyer.	New Gloucester, Me.	Auburn, Me.
Feb. 20.	Auburn, Me.	Paschal Abbott Downing and Carrie E. King.	Gray, Me.	Rev. H. G. Mank,
Feb. 26.	New Gloucester, Me.	Frank Wilbur Lombard and Mellie Alice Curtis.	New Gloucester, Me.	New Gloucester, Me.
March 28.	New Gloucester, Me.	Sumner H. Wardwell and Maria Jordan.	Minot, Me.	Rev. Everett S. Stackpole,
March 31.	New Gloucester, Me.	William Stockman Marsh and Lucy Ellen Cunningham.	New Gloucester, Me.	Auburn, Me.
April 25.	New Gloucester, Me.	Bloomville H. Strout and Hattie E. Verrill.	Lowell, Mass.	Rev. Herbert G. Mank,
May 3.	Lewiston, Me.	Josiah F. Whitney and Georgia Ardelle Whitney.	New Gloucester, Me.	New Gloucester, Me.
May 9.	New Gloucester, Me.	Nathaniel G. Farrer and Cora E. Berry.	Auburn, Me.	Rev. H. G. Mank,
May 27.	Gray, Me.	George E. Bennett and Sadie E. Hellen.	New Gloucester, Me.	New Gloucester, Me.
June 23.	New Gloucester, Me.	William Laughton and Orie Richards Fogg.	New Gloucester, Me.	Frank M. Hawkes,
August 5.	New Gloucester, Me.	Frank McGorman and Lillian May Carpenter.	St. Johns, N. B.	Raymond, Me.
August 18.	New Gloucester, Me.	Forrest Rolvin Winslow and Carrie May.	Raymond, Me.	Rev. Martyn Summerbell,
Oct. 12.	New Gloucester, Me.	Horace Brackett and Susan E. Carpenter.	New Gloucester, Me.	Lewiston, Me.
Nov. 25.	New Gloucester, Me.	Harry Lafayette Burgess and Sarah Maria Ward.	New Gloucester, Me.	True M. Merrill,
Dec. 15.	New Gloucester, Me.	Fred B. Gooch and Mary A. Raynes.	Poland, Me.	New Gloucester, Me.
Dec. 25.	New Gloucester, Me.	Willis Merrill and Maud M. Plummer.	Naples, Me.	Rev. E. M. Cousins,
			New Gloucester, Me.	Gray, Me.
			Yarmouth, Me.	Rev. Amos Harris,
			New Gloucester, Me.	Everett, Mass.
			Yarmouth, Me.	Rev. H. G. Mank,
			New Gloucester, Me.	New Gloucester, Me.
			Yarmouth, Me.	Frank W. Winter,
			New Gloucester, Me.	New Gloucester, Me.
			Yarmouth, Me.	Rev. H. S. Childs,
			New Gloucester, Me.	New Gloucester, Me.
			Yarmouth, Me.	Rev. H. G. Mank,
			New Gloucester, Me.	New Gloucester, Me.
			Yarmouth, Me.	Rev. H. G. Mank,
			New Gloucester, Me.	New Gloucester, Me.
			Yarmouth, Me.	Rev. H. G. Mank,
			New Gloucester, Me.	New Gloucester, Me.
			Yarmouth, Me.	Rev. H. G. Mank,
			New Gloucester, Me.	New Gloucester, Me.

Dec. 31.	New Gloucester, Me.	Christopher S. Low and Blanche Megguire.	Gray, Me.	Rev. E. M. Cousins, Gray, Me.
1898.			New Gloucester, Me.	
Feb. 3.	New Gloucester, Me.	John Russell Ward and Sara Alice Pitts.	New Gloucester, Me.	Rev. H. G. Mank, New Gloucester, Me.
May 18.	New Gloucester, Me.	Isaac F. Andrews and Jennie E. McIntosh.	Nova Scotia, Woodstock, Me.	Rev. E. M. Cousins, Gray, Me.
August 11.	Waterville, Me.	Frank C. Bunker and Rachel Boyd.	Gray, Me. Belgrade, Me.	Rev. Edward L. Marsh, Waterville.
Nov. 9.	New Gloucester, Me.	Clark Merrill and Bessie May Brackett.	Solon, Me. New Gloucester, Me.	Rev. C. F. Andrews, Pownal, Me.
Nov. 28.	Gray, Me.	Charles A. Dansmore and Hannie Z. Estes.	Nova Scotia, Gilead, Me.	Rev. H. A. Childs, Gray, Me.
Dec. 22.	Windham, Me.	Charles Peleg Chandler and Elizabeth Warner Smith.	New Gloucester, Me.	Rev. J. E. Aiken, Windham, Me.
Jan. 21.	Lewiston, Me.	Melvin May and Maggie May.	Windham, Me. Raymond, Me.	Arthur Bennett, Lewiston, Me.
Feb. 4.	Deering, Me.	Harry Ellwood Mountford and Mary Louise Stevens.	Ireland, New Gloucester, Me.	Rev. Joseph F. Cobb, No. Deering, Me.

N. P. HASKELL, *Town Clerk.*
Respectfully submitted,
N. P. HASKELL, *Town Clerk.*

REPORT OF SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT.

To the Honorable School Board and Citizens of New Gloucester:

The report of the public schools for the year ending March 1, 1899, is herewith submitted:

Number of children in the town between the ages of

4 and 21, April 1, 1898,	332
Whole number attending summer schools,	190
Average number attending summer schools,	162
Whole number attending fall schools,	192
Average number attending fall schools,	162
Whole number attending winter schools,	182
Average number attending winter schools,	155

FINANCIAL STATEMENT. RESOURCES.

Balance unexpended March 1, 1898,	\$517 73
Amount raised by town,	1,600 00
Amount raised from state school fund and mill tax,	811 90
Amount received from New Gloucester school fund,	201 41
Amount received from town of Poland,	6 50
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	\$3,137 54

EXPENDITURES.

Bills unpaid March 1, 1898,	\$504 60
Teachers' wages for summer schools,	745 00
Teachers' wages for fall schools,	705 00
Teachers' wages for winter schools,	750 00
Conveyance of pupils,	246 00
Paid town of Raymond for tuition,	6 00
Paid for care of school-houses,	74 00
Wood for 1899 (estimated),	100 00
Balance unexpended,	6 94
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	\$3,137 54

TABULAR REPORTS.

SUMMER TERM.

No. of School.	Name of Teacher.	Whole number of pupils registered.	Average attendance.	Length of Term in weeks.	Wages of teacher per week.	Amount paid Teacher.
1	Winifred Pettengill	35	31	10	\$8 00	\$80 00
2	{ Katherine Abbott	20	17	10	10 00	100 00
	Mary L. Bickford.	21	20	10	7 00	70 00
3	Fannie L. Mains	17	14	10	7 00	70 00
4	Nettie L. Sweetser	14	12	10	7 00	70 00
5	Ella M. Clark	21	19	10	7 00	70 00
6	Mamie P. Blake	15	14	10	7 50	75 00
7	Eva I. Clark	28	21	10	7 00	70 00
9	Ada S. Cummings	12	9	10	7 50	75 00
12	Gertrude G. Penney	6	5 $\frac{3}{4}$	10	6 50	65 00
						\$745 00

FALL TERM.

1	Florence S. Farnham	33	25	10	\$8 00	\$80 00
2	{ Ada M. Pearson	18	15	10	9 00	90 00
	Mary L. Bickford	19	18	10	7 00	70 00
3	Mary E. Blake	16	14	10	7 00	70 00
4	Nettie L. Sweetser	15	13	10	7 00	70 00
5	Ella M. Clark	21	17	10	7 00	70 00
6	Mamie P. Blake	24	21	10	7 50	75 00
7	Eva I. Clark	22	16	10	7 00	70 00
9	Ada S. Cummings	14	13	6	7 50	45 00
12	Gertrude G. Penney	10	9	10	6 50	65 00
						\$705 00

WINTER TERM.

1	Bertha O. True	26	19	10	\$8 00	\$80 00
2	{ Elizabeth Ham	22	20	10	9 00	90 00
	Mary L. Bickford	20	18	10	7 00	70 00
3	Mary E. Blake	15	14	10	7 00	70 00
4	Nettie L. Sweetser	13	11	10	7 00	70 00
5	Ella M. Clark	25	21	10	7 00	70 00
6	Mamie P. Blake	17	15	10	7 50	75 00
7	Eva I. Clark	23	17	10	7 00	70 00
9	Ada S. Cummings	7	5	12	7 50	90 00
12	Gertrude G. Penney			10	6 50	65 00
						\$750 00

REMARKS.

Let our motto be what it will, our motives ever so lofty, success and failure we shall meet in every department of life.

Whatever we undertake, our fondest hopes and expectations are hardly ever realized. However, if we have made no marked progress we feel we have at least maintained a normal condition and that the work done will compare favorably with former years.

It is impossible to give detailed statements of the condition of each school in a general report, and with little hope of arousing any special interest in the question as to what the public schools of to-day are or what they might be in the future. However, it is well to refresh your minds on their importance, hoping that the knowledge will encourage you to bear cheerfully the tax burden entailed by their support and that you will be as willing to respond to the needs of the coming year as you have been in the past.

The past year has revealed to us the fact that that nation which possesses knowledge in the arts and sciences has many advantages over those which do not. Our people can not be too well educated. It is essential in modern warfare as well as in time of peace.

With this thought fresh in our minds we should not falter in our efforts to gather the youth in our town within the uplifting influences of the school-room or in our endeavor to improve the methods of instruction. Different lines of education require different degrees of effort, but whether the task is difficult or easy we would impress upon the mind of every parent or guardian that there are certain studies which every one should be drilled in. All children should be taught to read, write and spell, also Arithmetic, Geography and Grammar.

Compulsory attendance at school assists greatly in carrying every boy and girl as far along as this.

This is the basis of all that is taught in our common schools, and with a good common school education, backed with good common sense, one is quite well equipped for the

struggle of life. To make our schools really good, to make them better, in fact the very best they can be, is a high desire and worthy aim in which all may fervently unite. In former days the thought never entered our minds that a teacher might progress. A change has been wrought and it is readily seen that the schools make the greater progress under the hands of progressive teachers. A teacher to do the best should also be enabled to feel that there is an interest in the community and a concern felt for the school.

There is an urgent need of a better school building for the Primary School at Upper Gloucester. Practically nothing has been done to meet the requirements which is so essential to their comfort and health. Parents whose children are to be educated have the right to demand a suitable building with a suitable playground. We submit that twenty or twenty-five children crowded into a badly ventilated room, coupled with poor sanitary conditions, a room scarcely large enough to hold twelve, are not receiving at our hands that care which the laws of health and comfort demand.

In conclusion I should not feel justified in neglecting to mention the merits of this Primary School. We feel proud of the progress they have made. The interest taken and the reverence shown while visiting them, was a source of satisfaction.

In closing permit me to thank the members of the school board and the teachers and citizens generally for their hearty support and uniform courtesy during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

SETH F. SWEETSIR,

Superintendent of Schools.

Warrant for Annual Town Meeting.

To SETH F. SWEETSIR, Constable of the Town of New Gloucester, in the County of Cumberland, State of Maine,

GREETING:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of New Gloucester, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the Town-House in said Town, on the thirteenth day of March, A.D. 1899, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, viz.:

ARTICLE 1st.

To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ARTICLE 2d.

To choose a clerk for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 3d.

To receive and allow accounts.

ARTICLE 4th.

To hear and act on reports.

ARTICLE 5th.

To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 6th.

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for contingent expenses. *\$100.*

ARTICLE 7th.

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for support of schools. *\$1600.*

ARTICLE 8th.

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the repair of roads and bridges. *\$2500.*

ARTICLE 9th.

To see if the town will vote to raise a sufficient sum of money to pay the snow bills for the past year.

ARTICLE 10th.

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to keep the school property in repair. *200*

ARTICLE 11th.

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to keep the cemeteries in repair. *100*

ARTICLE 12th.

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to support the Public Library.

ARTICLE 13th.

To see what action the town will take in regard to the management of the Public Library.

ARTICLE 14th.

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for defraying the expenses of Memorial Day. *150*

ARTICLE 15th.

To see if the town will vote to elect a superintendent of schools.

ARTICLE 16th.

To see if the town will vote to establish a Free High School and how much money you will vote to raise for the same.

ARTICLE 17th.

To see if the town will vote to purchase a lot and build a High School building, and how much money you will vote to raise for that purpose.

ARTICLE 18th.

To see if the town will vote to purchase a lot and build a school-house for the primary school at the Upper Corner, and how much money you will vote to raise for the same.

ARTICLE 19th.

To see if the town will vote to move the school-house in District No. 13 to District No. 2 for the use of the primary school, and how much money you will vote to raise for the same.

ARTICLE 20th.

To see if the town will choose a board of appraisers con-

sisting of five or more and have a re-appraisal made of the real estate of this town, and that said board of appraisers shall be chosen from different sections of the town.

ARTICLE 21st.

To see if the town will vote to build a road beginning at the turn of the road at the east corner of the farm owned by S. W. & J. S. Ayer, running thence across land of J. P. Jordan, a northeast course, to land of S. W. & J. S. Ayer, thence east to land of Dexter Larrabee, thence across land of Dexter Larrabee to Durham line, a total distance of 150 rods.

ARTICLE 22d.

To see if the town will vote to straighten the road near the house of John C. Pendexter, and what sum of money you will vote to raise for the same.

ARTICLE 23d.

To see if the town will vote to accept and keep in repair the piano recently placed in the Town Hall by the ladies of the town.

ARTICLE 24th.

To see if the town will vote to establish a school in district No. 12 (Penney Road).

ARTICLE 25th.

To see if the town will vote to accept the list of jurors as revised.

ARTICLE 26th.

To see if the town will vote to keep the range way through the farm of Eben Snow, to the Maine Central Railroad in repair suitable for a farm road.

The selectmen give notice that they will be in session for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of voters, at the Town-House, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, on the day of said meeting.

Given under our hands this third day of March, A.D. eighteen hundred and ninety-nine.

JOHN W. TRUE,
REUEL W. FOGG,

Selectmen of New Gloucester.

Second Selectman resigned in January, 1899.

